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BSP approves measures to keep RP banks liquid

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS has approved new measures to boost the flow of money into the local financial system and minimize the effects of a recession now threatening the globe.

In a briefing last night, BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. announced that the central bank would open a new lending window for banks in need of foreign currencies, as well as a US dollar deposit facility for those with excess foreign exchange.

He said the central bank had also

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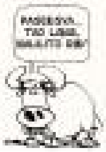
Cabinet man downplays GMA's $10-B mistake

By TJ Burgonio

THEY ALL LOOKED alike.

A Cabinet official yesterday made light of President Macapagal-Arroyo's gaffe over a $10-billion bailout for

CABINET A7



Giant American banks lose $323B



A TEDDY BEAR sits on a keyboard, a sad reminder of a bearish stock market, while an employee of a securities company (background) stretches while monitoring the market prices in Taipei Friday. Taiwan's financial shares dropped 3 percent to a seven-year low. REUTERS

EVEN AS THE US GOVERNMENT moves to plug holes in the nation's banks, new gaps keep appearing.

As two financial giants, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch, reported fresh multibillion-dollar losses on Thursday, the industry passed a grim milestone: All of the combined profits that major banks earned in recent years have vanished.

Since mid-2007, when the credit crisis erupted, the country's nine largest banks have written down the value of their troubled assets by a combined $323 billion.

With a recession looming, the pain is unlikely to end there. The problems that began with home mortgages, analysts say, are migrating to auto, credit card and commercial real estate loans.

The deepening red ink underscores a crucial question about the government's plan: Will lenders deploy their newfound capital quickly, as the Treasury hopes, and unlock the flow of credit through the economy? Or will they hoard the money to protect themselves?

But Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. is urging them to use their new capital soon. On Monday, Paulson unveiled plans to provide $125 billion to

GIANT A8

Tougher banking rules up



SPORTING his favorite T-shirt, Igor Vovkovinskiy (right), the world's tallest Obama supporter at 7 feet 8 inches, stands beside fellow Obama volunteer Laurel Phelps-Bowman outside Democrat election headquarters in Rochester, Minnesota. AFP

World leaders demand overhaul

LONDON—WORLD LEADERS demanded tougher banking rules on Friday to protect economies from crisis before a meeting of US and French presidents that officials said would explore ways to reform a crumbling financial system.

Not only is the worst financial crisis in 80 years helping push the West into recession, economies in eastern Europe are suffering, turning to foreign lenders to bolster their financial systems, while Asian nations struggle for their own solutions.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he would raise the prospect of a global summit to deal with regulatory issues at a meeting with US President George W. Bush on Saturday.

He said the summit should make decisions on transparency, global regulatory standards, cross-border supervision and an early warning system.

TOUGHER A6



POLICE officers bound for the United States board a bus after attending a pre-departure briefing at Camp Crame on Friday. They will attend the US-FBI seminar on law enforcement in Los Angeles, California. RAFFY LERMA

Where did 105,000 euros come from?

By Michael Lim Ubac and Tarra Quismundo

THE HUGE AMOUNT OF CASH found by Moscow customs authorities in the carry-on bag of a retired official of the Philippine National Police may not be government money, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said yesterday.

Santiago called on the Senate to look into the fund sources of ranking police officials traveling abroad, saying that Eliseo de la Paz, the newly retired PNP director for comptrollership, could have been carrying money "from cops' patrons."

"The source of the money should be clarified. If it is public money, the question is: Who authorized it? If it is private money, where did it come from?" said Santiago, the vice chair of the Senate committee on finance.

De la Paz, who served as the disbursing officer of the PNP delegation to the 77th Interpol General Assembly in Moscow earlier this month, was

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Obama, McCain trade wisecracks

NEW YORK—THE PITCHED BATTLE for the White House made way for good humor and a good cause Thursday as Barack Obama and John McCain swapped self-deprecating jokes instead of campaign jabs, at a black-tie charity dinner.

Twenty-four hours after their last debate before the Nov. 4 election, the presidential hopefuls traded jibes at the celebrity-studded event to raise money for poor children in honor of the late New York governor Al Smith. An estimated $4 million was raised.

McCain went first, announcing he had just replaced all his campaign staff with Joe the Plumber, the Ohio entrepreneur who became a household name overnight after McCain invoked him in Wednesday's debate.

OBAMA A4

World lawmakers talk about the weather

By Michael Lim Ubac

WITHOUT FANFARE, LAWMAKERS from Asia, Europe, Africa and South America quietly converged yesterday in Manila to craft a strategy on how nations could cope with rising sea levels, stronger and more frequent typhoons and other disasters associated with climate change.

Being an archipelago, the Philippines is one of the most vulnerable nations on this side of the Pacific. A one-meter rise in the water level could submerge 329,000 hectares of land in 28 of the 80 provinces in the country, said Sen. Loren Legarda.

The two-day, closed-door meeting on climate change and disaster reduction at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel was held under the direction of Dr. Salvano Briceño.

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SEN. LOREN Legarda (left) and Salvano Briceño, director of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR) start talks on climate change and disaster reduction at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel on Friday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Secret out: Pope wounded in 1982 attack

VATICAN CITY—THE LONGTIME private secretary of the late Pope John Paul II revealed in a film screened Thursday that the Pope was lightly wounded in a 1982 knife attack by a priest in Portugal.

Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz made the revelation in "Testimony," a movie on John Paul's life that was screened for Pope Benedict XVI and top clergy at the Vatican.

It was known that John Paul was assaulted by a knife-wielding Spanish priest while visiting the shrine of Fatima

SECRET A10



Ayala says it went 'above and beyond' requirements

By Dennis L. Lucas and Elizabeth Sanchez-Larson

AYALA LAND INC. (ALI), THE PHILIPPINES' largest real estate developer, appears unaffected by the adverse publicity it received in the wake of the explosion at its Glorietta 2 mall on Oct. 19, 2007.

The mall is a picture of buzzing activity—a far cry from the somber silence that pervaded it a year ago. In fact, the redevelopment of the whole Glorietta complex is underway, promising an exciting makeover.

The explosion, which claimed 11 lives and injured more than 100, turned the spotlight on the business practices of the Ayala conglomerate, the oldest in the country and long at the forefront of corporate social responsibility.

But ALI had not been completely forthcoming about what was done and how much was spent for the victims of the explosion and their families.

At least, it had assured reporters—in off-the-record remarks—that it went "above and beyond what is required of it."

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Eastern Northern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rains.

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GMA eyes new talks with MILF

COTABATO CITY—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo has asked Governor Zaldy Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and his father, Maguindanao Gov. Datu Andal Ampatuan, to find ways to broach with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) a possible resumption of peace talks with the government.

Pike Mentang, speaker of the ARMM's Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA), told the Inquirer that Ms Arroyo would be in this city tomorrow to talk with military officials and to reiterate her directive to the Ampatuans.

Mentang, the third highest ranking official of the ARMM, said he learned that the Ampatuans were keen on linking with the MILF in the hope of reviving peace talks, which stalled over the issue of ancestral domain.

"They are open to a peace dialogue with the MILF hierarchy anytime," he said.

Mentang said he had always supported the idea of settling the dispute with the MILF in a peaceful way because violence always adversely affected civilians.

Air strikes

Since July, more than 60 civilians had been killed and about 600,000 more displaced amid the skirmishes between government soldiers and MILF rebels in North Cotabato and in the ARMM provinces of Sharif Kabunsuan, Basilan, Maguindanao and Lanao del Norte.

The military continued to run after MILF leaders blamed for attacks in the area.

On Thursday alone, military officers said that 13 rebels and a soldier were killed in fresh air strikes and skirmishes in Aleosan, North Cotabato and in Maguindanao.

In Kidapawan City, State Prosecutor Al Calica said more charges had been filed against Ameril Ombra Kato, an MILF leader who led attacks in North Cotabato.

"We have strong evidence to prove that Kato and his men committed acts of terrorism," Calica said.

Peace advocates had always said that the police should be used to hunt down Kato instead of the military, whose operations the advocates claimed tended also to wreak havoc on civilians.

Untold sufferings

Deputy Speaker Simeon Datumanong welcomed clear military actions against Kato, but also already caused untold sufferings to civilians and that operations should be suspended.

Guiamel Alim, executive director of the Kadtuntaya Foundation Inc., said that the organization learned that the Cabinet Cluster E on National Security Concerns had already consented to tackle calls for the suspension of the operations.

But he said as of yesterday, military operations were still under way.

Alim said the organization was also urging the government and the MILF to resume negotiations for the sake of civilians.

But Mohagher Iqbal, MILF chief negotiator, said rebels could no longer trust the government.

"The government is not sincere. We don't trust the government anymore," Iqbal told reporters in Davao City.

But Iqbal said despite this position, the MILF wanted the situation in Mindanao resolved in a peaceful way. *Charlie C. Señase, Germelina Lacorte, Edwin O. Fernandez, Jeoffrey Maitem, Nash Maulana and Richel V. Umel, Inquirer Mindanao*

Mining jobs Down Under for Pinoys

By Amy R. Remo and Rosalie Papa

FILIPINO ENGINEERS AND OTHER skilled workers can look to Australia when considering job prospects overseas.

This was the invitation extended by John Corbett, managing partner of Migration Lawyers Australia, who disclosed that the Australian government wanted to hire more foreign workers, particularly for its Australasia Pacific minerals sector which was experiencing a continuous boom but was suffering from skills and manpower shortages.

In a discussion on manpower issues at the 8th Asia Pacific Mining Conference and Exhibition, Corbett emphasized that while the United States had begun cutting jobs across industries in the aftermath of the global financial meltdown, Australian and Asian mineral producers including Indonesia and the Philippines, were somewhat fortunate enough to be riding the "crest of the boom in mining and resources industry."

According to Corbett, this may be the "biggest and most sustained boom in living memory powered by strong demand from China, India and other emerging markets."

But even as the number of large-scale mining projects has been steadily increasing, Australia faces one major problem: manpower shortage.

"The problem is that there is not enough skilled labor, even for the major projects costing billions of dollars. The shortage is so acute that it is driving wages and project costs higher," he said at the forum.

Australia was one of the countries where overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) laid off due to the global financial crisis could be retrained and redeployed, Labor Secretary Marianito Roque said yesterday.

Roque made the disclosure in outlining the government's plan for distressed OFWs, which mentioned helping them look for jobs in other countries or giving them livelihood within the country.

The OFWs who still wanted to work abroad, Roque said, they could be redeployed to countries like Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, France, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Japan. He said the Department of Labor and Employment was currently negotiating with the countries to widen job opportunities for Filipino workers.

In stressing the manpower problem, Corbett pointed out that only 5,000 engineers graduate every year in Australia.

"The major impediment to the Australian mining industry is the global shortage of engineers, geologists, and trades people," he noted.

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MSU exec seized; Moro rebs eyed

ILIGAN CITY—SUSPECTED Moro rebels under Abdulrahman Macapaar, better known as Commander Bravo, seized an official of the Mindanao State University on Thursday afternoon, police said yesterday.

Chief Supt. Bensali Jaffarani, director of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) police, said Mipalito Mibrau, MSU budget officer, was on his way home when armed men flagged him down at 3:45 p.m. in Barangay Pialong in Tangcal, Lanao del Sur.

"We have not yet identified any group but we are not discounting the involvement of Commander Bravo in the incident," Jaffarani said, referring to the commander of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), being hunted down for the Lanao del Norte attacks in August.

Several kidnapping incidents in Lanao have been blamed on Bravo and his men or on other MILF forces in the area.

They include the June kidnapping of 21 MSU teachers. The 20 teachers were freed shortly after the incident while the last one was released only after a few weeks.

Allegations that the MILF were into kidnapping in Lanao had been strongly disputed by the MILF hierarchy.

An Army official, who wasn't authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity, told the Inquirer by phone that MSU officer Mibrau was actually with his wife, Nelsida, when he was kidnapped.

He said the gunmen purposely left Mibrau's wife behind. She traveled back to Marawi and reported the incident to authorities.

Lanao del Sur Gov. Mamintal Adiong Jr. said he already ordered the police to work with the military for the safe recovery of Mibrau, who is 60 years old.

Jaffarani said they were investigating the motive behind the abduction as no ransom demand had been sent.

In Maguindanao, the military said MILF rebels raided the house of a militiaman in Barangay Tambunan, Guindulungan town on Thursday evening.

Maj. Randolph Cabangbang, spokesperson of the Eastern Mindanao Command based in Davao City, told the Inquirer by phone that Mangnais Bilangan was killed in the 8:20 p.m. attack, while his wife was wounded.

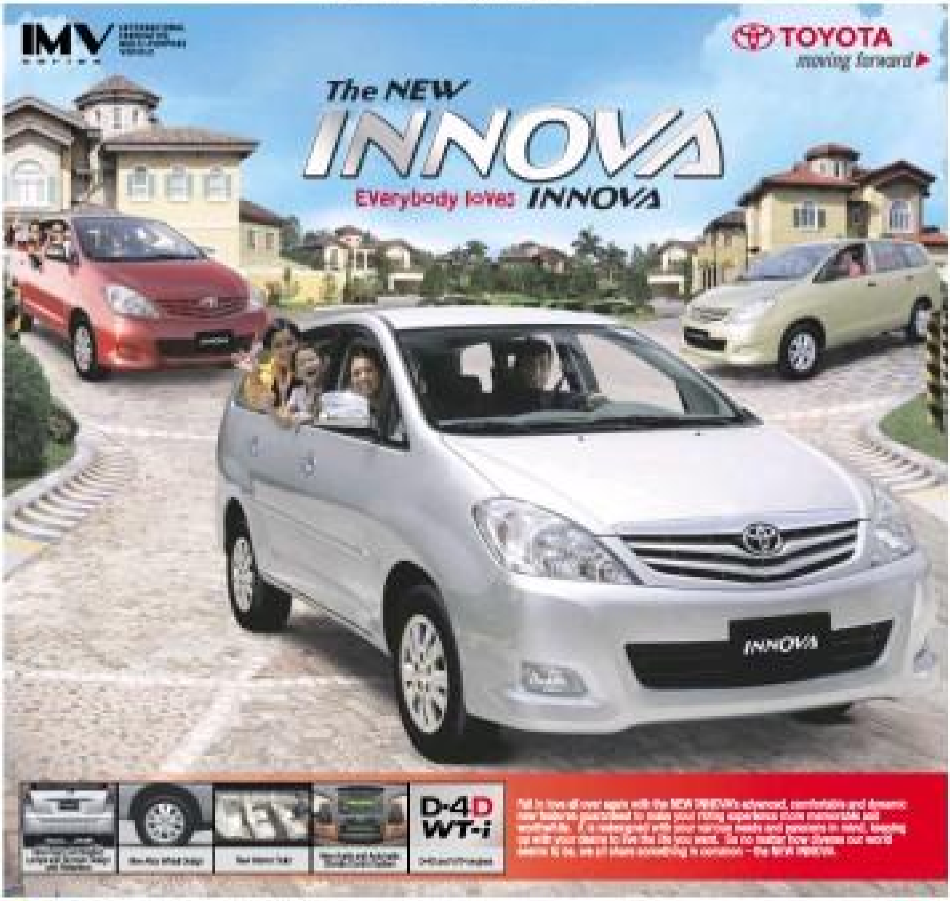
Cabangbang said the suspects were under Commander Ameril Ombra Kato, who is also being hunted down for leading attacks in North Cotabato in July and August. *Richel V. Umel and Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao*

More oil price rollbacks

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All VAT eggs now in 1 basket

By TJ Burgonio

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO place projects funded by the value-added tax (VAT) under one item in a bid to justify its continued imposition against repeated calls for its scrapping.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has issued Administrative Order No. 240 mandating that projects funded by VAT revenues be grouped under one item, called Revenues Allocated for Public Services (REAPS).

"All the fruits of the value-added tax shall be put in one basket," she said in the Oct. [illegible] order. "The more popular, high-impact, big-ticket projects and programs shall be selected and put together in one basket."

If the administration is asked to account for VAT spending, it should be able to "point to the contents of the REAPS," according to the order.

"This way a major revenue source of budget funds can be protected from agitation that it can be scrapped," it said.

There had been calls for a full accounting of the government usage of VAT proceeds. Amid the spiraling prices of fuel in January, some sectors even called for the suspension of the 12-percent VAT on oil.

Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Ralph Recto welcomed the President's order, saying this would give the public the idea where the VAT revenues are being spent.

More transparency

"There's more transparency here. We should be able to explain to the people where the windfall from the VAT goes," he said in a phone interview.

In the end, VAT revenues should go to priority projects under the government's SHARPS program (health, education, agriculture, roads, technology and tourism, and shelter and security), he said.

As of June, out of the collected VAT collections, some P13.79 billion had been spent on roads; P12.49 billion on education; P13.15 billion on agriculture; P9.60 billion on shelter, and P4.21 billion on technology and tourism, budget officials said.

The President also issued Executive Order No. 755 [illegible] the Department of Labor and Employment and Department of Foreign Affairs in the regional development council (RDC).

The membership of both departments was critical in the "pursuit of socio-economic development" across the regions, the order said.

A June 30 Administrative Order No. 231, which reorganized Cabinet Groups, excluded the DOLE and DFA from the Mindanao Board. All regional directors of agencies represented in the Mindanao Board should be regular members of RDC.

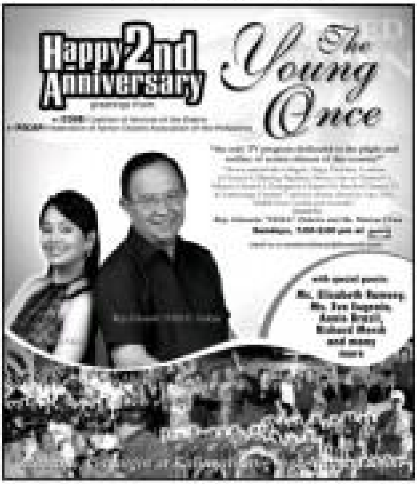
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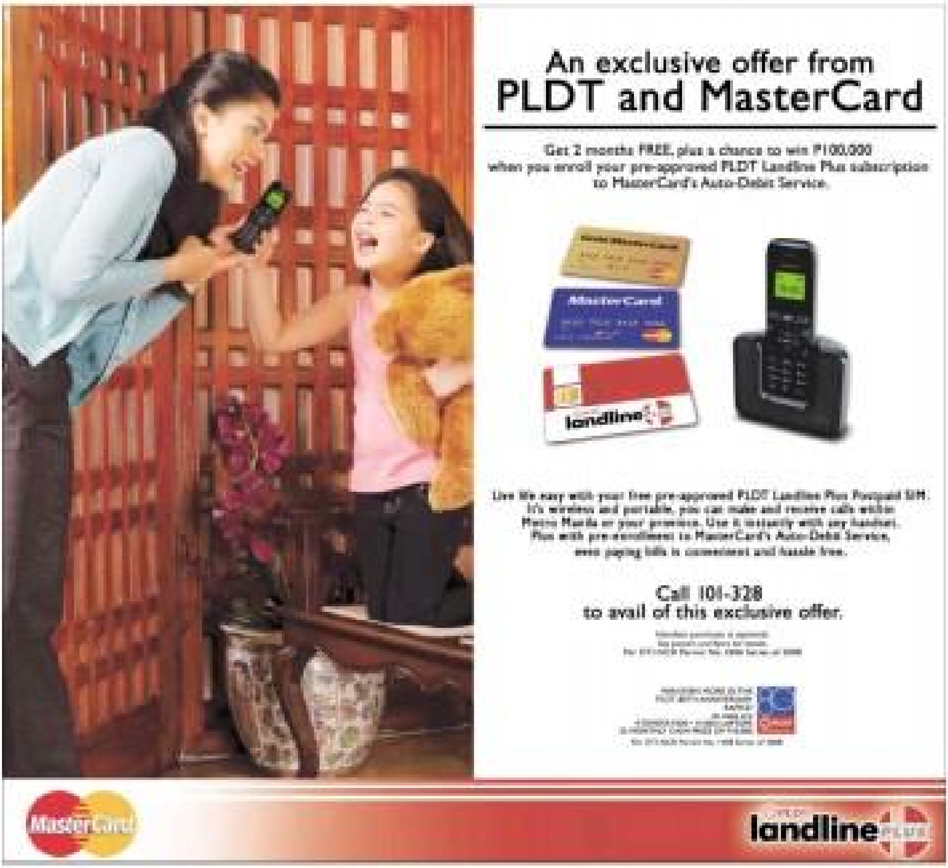
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By Romeo S. Acosta

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THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENforcement Agency (PDEA) revealed yesterday it was offered ₱20 million for the release of a high-profile drug suspect arrested last month.

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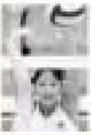
Oil price falls below $70 in rapid descent

NEW YORK—OIL PRICES DROPPED BELOW $70 A BARREL for the first time in 14 months on Thursday, prompting the Opec cartel to call for an emergency meeting next week to establish some stability in prices that have swung wildly along with the stock market this year.

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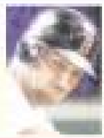
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BIG MAN'S GAME Coca-Cola's Asi Taulava goes up against the body of "Baby Shaq" [illegible] of Air21 during their game yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum. [illegible]

Oscar 'older, slower'

Pacquiao trainer says consistency's the key

By Marc Anthony Reyes

INSIDE A CORDONED-OFF WILD CARD gym, Freddie Roach is busy adding yet another component to Manny Pacquiao's arsenal that he feels Oscar De La Hoya cannot match—consistency.

"The thing is, Oscar has his good and bad days," the 48-year-old Roach told [illegible]. "He isn't sharp everyday."

And Roach feels that consistency will help tilt the odds in Pacquiao's favor when the Filipino squares off against a bigger De La Hoya on Dec. 6 in Las Vegas.

"Pacquiao is sharp everyday. He's consistent. Oscar struggled to work through it at times because of his age. Thing is, when we get older, we get slower. It's a natural fact and he can't do anything about it."

Pacquiao's training, according to Roach, is in full swing with the Filipino ring icon putting in an average of 34 rounds a day in mitts, shadow boxing and sparring.

While the one-time "Trainer of the Year" may be generous in volunteering information about the training, Roach said he has completely shut the doors on people who don't have any direct involvement inside the Wild Card Gym.

"We completely closed the Wild Card Gym," he disclosed. "Nobody's been allowed in. I'm asking Manny's friends to leave. I'm asking my assistant trainers who are not working with this fighter to leave."

He said he has learned from Pacquiao's sensational 2005 loss to Erik Morales in first part of their trilogy. Back then, the Mexican legend quietly prepared while the Filipino worked out in the open.

"The only people who are in the gym are the people who have a job—people who are working with Manny, sparring partners, coaches that's all. When somebody comes in, like HBO, ESPN—obviously they're the media—they have to make an appointment."

He added that he only allowed media to get inside during the first day of sparring. HBO, which will carry the fight on pay-per-view, is also filming a 24/7 documentary, a four-part series that will be shown days leading to the projected $100 million mega fight.

"But that's the last day of sparring anyone will see until the fight because I just want to give them a taste of what Manny's up to. After this, the succeeding sparring sessions will be closed door 100 percent," he said.

Pacquiao's no-threat training has already inspired up-and-coming boxing stars who were lucky enough to witness it.

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"Watching Manny Pacquiao train was unbelievable," said [illegible], who will fight at [illegible] on Saturday. "The intensity that guy trains at is phenomenal. Every round is 100 miles an hour. It has shown me what I need to do to become a better fighter."

[illegible] caught a glimpse of the training on a trip to the famed Hollywood gym last summer.

"It doesn't matter how much talent you've got, or how good you think you are. You can always train harder and be better," he said.



MANNY Pacquiao and Freddie Roach do some serious training.

M'kami five off Korean teener

GUANGZHOU, China—The Philippines' Antonio Lascuña [illegible] five-under-par 66 to trail Korean teenager [illegible] and became the only Filipino to make the halfway cut at the $500,000 Asian Tour event [illegible] China Classic on Friday.

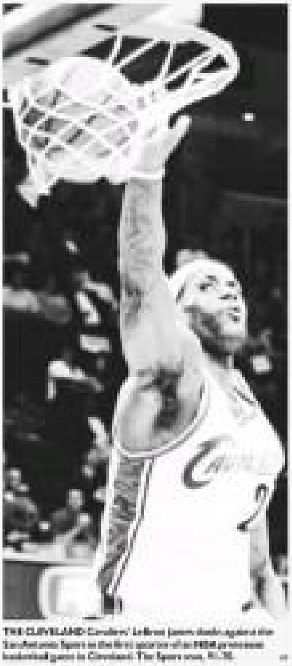
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Sports reeling from bad economy



World Mind Games: RP chessers fumble



THE CLEVELAND Cavaliers' LeBron James dunks against the San Antonio Spurs in the first quarter of an NBA preseason basketball game in Cleveland.

RP World amateur golf bets slip to 35th

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PARTICIPANTS take part in the wall-climbing competition.

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Golden visions for Manny Pacquiao

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Boston rallies from 0-7, trims Tampa's lead to 3-2

BUSINESS

GSIS investments pummeled by global crash

Stocks, property securities show sharp drop in value

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) may have incurred more losses due to the sharp decline in equities prices around the world in recent weeks, a closer examination of its portfolio of stock holdings revealed.

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Stocks end lower

'Hot money' outflow hits $312M in Sept.

THE PHILIPPINES SAW IN SEPTEMBER ITS worst foreign capital flight since the US financial crisis erupted last year as the collapse of iconic investment bank Lehman Brothers, the fire-sale of Merrill Lynch and the near-bankruptcy of American insurance giant AIG brought global risk aversion to new heights.

₱6-B Ayala offering gets SEC nod

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

AYALA CORP. HAS SECURED REGulatory consent to raise ₱6 billion from a share offer to partially fund its takeover of Manila-based business process outsourcing (BPO) group eTelecare Global Solutions Inc.

Under the offer terms of its preferred share issue, Ayala will sell 12 million cumulative, non-voting, non-convertible, peso-denominated preferred class "A" shares at ₱500 each.

In documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Ayala said it plans to expand its direct investments in various BPO companies such as eTelecare, Affinity Express Inc. and Integreon Managed Solutions Inc.

Ayala plans to make a tender offer for the almost all of eTelecare's shares.

Ayala and American private equity firm Providence Equity Partners are seeking to buy out minority shareholders of eTelecare for $290 million. Ayala's share in the investment is estimated at $120 million.

Affinity and Integreon Investments are both Ayala-owned companies that will receive capital of $8.25 million and $14.1 million, respectively, from the parent firm.

Ayala has tapped BPI Capital Corp. as the issue manager and lead underwriter for the share offer.

The Ayala group has been aggressively raising funds through the debt and capital markets, generating ₱6 billion last year from its five-year peso bond issue to refinance debts and for general working capital. Over the years, Ayala has shifted its debt mix in favor of pesos than dollars.

GSIS investments pummeled by global crash

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At the height of the global stock market meltdown last week, some of the state pension fund's holdings in its global investment program (GIP) lost more than three-fourths of their values, based on published stock prices.

The biggest losses in GSIS' portfolio included UK-based consumer credit firm Cattles Plc, which lost 77 percent of its value, Singapore-listed real estate investment fund CDL Hospitality Trust (down 71.7 percent), New York-listed Allied Irish Bank (down 75.9 percent) and the Royal Bank of Scotland Group (down 70.2 percent).

Other large losses included Singapore-based manufacturer Hong Leong Asia Ltd. (down 69.7 percent), China Coal Energy (down 65.7 percent) and the world's biggest telecommunications firm China Mobile Ltd. (down 49 percent).

According to the GSIS, it had acquired some 123 stocks under the GIP. The fund listed its holdings in a paid advertisement published last week. (See Inquirer, Oct. 10, 2008 issue, pages B8 and B9.)

GSIS earlier announced that its foreign investment activities commenced around April of this year.

A survey of the performance of GSIS' stocks showed that the prices of at least 82 stocks retreated in value from April 1 to Sept. 30, 2008—the cut-off date for the pension fund's published report—while only 39 stocks managed to chalk up gains.

During this period, at least eight stocks lost more than half their values such as Cattles. Plc and among the worst, fifteen other stocks on the GSIS portfolio lost between 30 and 40 percent during this same period, while at least nine stocks showed double-digit gains.

Earlier this year, GSIS allotted $600 million for foreign investments to be managed by ING Investment Management and Credit Agricole Asset Management.

GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia had said that the recent declines in stock markets around the world presented the pension fund with fresh buying opportunities, adding that the investments were long-term in nature.

A closer look at GSIS' published investments last week also showed that the fund earned the bulk of its declared gains from foreign exchange fluctuations—a result of the weaker peso against the dollar in which the investments were denominated.

The state pension fund said that it had earned ₱1.4 billion as of the end of September from an initial investment of ₱25.22 billion—or a return of 5.65 percent.

When computed in dollar terms, the figures showed that the pension fund may have incurred losses of as high as $40.9 million or about ₱2.11 billion using the latest foreign exchange rate.

In dollar terms, GSIS may be actually losing 8 percent versus its 5-percent gain in peso terms.

As of press time, GSIS officials have yet to respond to the Inquirer's request for clarification on its foreign investments.

'Hot money' outflow hits $312M in Sept.

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change, peso-denominated government securities and money market instruments posted net outflows of close to $1.0 billion, $5.6 million and $1.6 million, respectively, during the nine-month period.

Placements in peso bank deposits, where investors usually park funds while on a wait-and-see mode, showed a net outflow of $2.3 billion.

"This development reflected greater preference for fixed-income instruments given prevailing market conditions," Tetangco said.

The large outflow of foreign portfolio investments in September was the major culprit behind the balance of payments deficit of $463 million that month, the biggest monthly foreign exchange shortfall seen in four years. But because of the huge buffer built up in earlier months, the country still recorded a payments surplus of $1.34 billion for the nine-month period, although much lower than the $6.7 billion surplus in the same period last year.

The International Monetary Fund, in its latest global financial stability report, estimated that total losses from the US credit crunch could hit $1.4 trillion and that over the next five years, about $675 billion of additional capital may be needed to keep credit growing, even modestly, in the face of the shocks that have struck the financial system.

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Bucking crisis trends, RP bank lending speeds up

In August, broad money supply expands by 9.8% year-on-year

By Doris C. Dumlao

Tax credits, not cash, for Lucio Tan

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Cojuangco eyes investment in Siargao

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Lito Cruz G. Manganay

Finding solution to 2 of mind's worst woes

By Charles E. Buban

ALZHEIMER'S DISease is an irreversible, progressive brain disease that slowly destroys an individual's memory and thinking skills, eventually preventing the person from carrying out even simple tasks like brushing teeth or getting dressed up.

Interestingly, the attributes of this disease often overlap with another degenerative brain disorder, the Parkinson's disease dementia, which also describes its patients as having impairments in executive function, memory retrieval and attention.

While the risk of developing these two conditions increases with age—in most cases, symptoms appear after reaching 65—they are, however, not a part of normal aging, contended Dr. Simeon Marcelo, president of Dementia Society of the Philippines.



FROM LEFT are Dr. Simeon Marcelo, Dr. Miguel Ramos and Peter Goldschmidt, president and CEO, Novartis Healthcare Philippines

Complex interplay

"They're not something that normally happen and it is believed that both conditions result from a complex interplay of environmental factors, lifestyle choices, and genes and protein gone haywire," he explained.

What is clear is that in both diseases the patient's brain exhibits plaques and the progressive death of nerve cells called neurons, that gradually strip that person of memory, language, reasoning, and, finally, life.

"The gradual slipping away of mind and memory is frightening and frustrating, both for the person with these diseases and for family and friends. Not so long ago, we couldn't do much for those afflicted individuals. However, the situation is changing," explained Dr. Miguel Ramos, president of Philippine Society of Geriatric Medicine.

Recently, Novartis Healthcare Philippines announced the availability here of the world's first and only skin patch for the symptomatic treatment of mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease as well as mild to moderate Parkinson's disease dementia.

Applied once a day, the new skin patch sends rivastigmine (Exelon) straight into the blood stream.

Not new

"Rivastigmine isn't a new drug since it is already available in capsule form. What is special about putting this drug in a skin patch form is that it simplifies the drug's use, making it easier to administer and thus, improves compliance of patients," explained Serge Gauthier, professor of Canada's McGill Centre of Studies of Aging.

Since it is no longer swallowed, the drug is delivered straight into the bloodstream, bypassing the gastrointestinal tract in hopes of fewer side effects and maintaining a constant drug level.

The patch is applied once daily to the back, chest, or upper arm and maintains steady blood levels of the drug throughout the 24 hours.

While rivastigmine does not cure Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease dementia, it could improve patients' quality of life.

"Rivastigmine improves the function of nerve cells in the brain by preventing the breakdown of acetylcholine. People with dementia, as brought about by these two conditions, usually have lower levels of this chemical, which is important for the processes of memory, thinking and reasoning," Marcelo said.

Gauthier added that the rivastigmine skin patch is also approved by the United States' Food and Drug Administration, which based its recommendation on an international study that included nearly 1,200 patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease.

Exelon Patch showed similar efficacy to the highest doses of Exelon capsules and the recommended dose (9.5 milligrams per 24 hours) was generally well tolerated by patients," Gauthier reported.

Memory loss

Dr. Michelle Anlacan, dementia specialist at the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital, clarified that while it is a common symptom of both diseases, memory loss by itself does not mean one already has either of the conditions of the two diseases.

"We all forget things from time to time, but the loss of memory associated with Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease dementia is different. It is persistent and progressive, not just occasional," Anlacan explained.

Doctors agreed that if one exhibits some or all of the following symptoms, that individual is advised to see a neurologist, psychiatrist, or a geriatric doctor as they may be in a better position to assess the condition:

- Memory loss of recent events. This may not be severe at first but is likely to become progressively worse as even long-term memory could be affected.
- Problems finding the right words for what you want to say.
- Family and friends are already complaining about changes in the individual's personality like being [illegible], prone to critical temper, or anxious and depressed. In some case, not being able to recognize close relatives and friends.
- Feel puzzled and disorientated in familiar places, such as own home.
- Don't know what month or year it is, or the time of day.

Prehypertension new concern for doctors

LOWERING OF ONE'S BLOOD PRESSURE is widely seen as the key to preventing cardiovascular events such as heart attacks, strokes and deaths.

While most people would be worried about acquiring high blood pressure (hypertension), doctors included that having a consistent blood pressure readings of systolic pressure from 120 to 139 mm Hg and a diastolic pressure from 80 to 89 mm Hg—otherwise known as prehypertension—is already a cause for concern.

It is true that blood pressure rises and falls throughout the day but when it stays within this range of measurements every time you have your blood pressure checked, then you are putting yourself at higher risk of developing full-blown hypertension.

Hypertension, the leading cause of cardiovascular disease and stroke, opens up a host of new ailments such as serious damage to the heart, eyes, brain and kidneys.

Lifestyle changes

Doctors would usually advise those with prehypertension to change their lifestyle to reduce their weight, following a healthy diet plan, watching alcohol and salt intake, quitting smoking and exercising more.

But what if a prehypertensive takes an antihypertensive medication to optimize blood pressure?

Indeed, this is what the recent study called Prevention of Hypertension with the ACE-Inhibitor Ramipril in Patients with High-Normal Blood Pressure (Phanes) did when it enrolled 1,008 individuals, aged 50 or over, with prehypertension and who had not previously been treated with any antihypertensive medications.

Ramipril (Tritace) used in the study is a drug belonging to a family of high blood pressure medications known as angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.

The study reported that the group who took ramipril had a 34.4 percent relative risk reduction in the development of hypertension than those who did not.

Extends

The Phanes study shows, for the first time, that development of hypertension could now be delayed if not prevented in individuals who are already exhibiting prehypertension levels.

The study also revealed that individuals who do not do anything about their prehypertension are more likely to develop hypertension later in life.

One of the cruel facts of hypertension is that it exhibits no distinctive symptoms.

Usually, when one feels any symptom, it is usually too late.

This is why doctors remind that the only way to find out if one has an unusually high blood pressure is to test for it regularly, either by going to a doctor or to health providers that can offer tests stationed in public places.

Charles E. Buban

A passion for drug quality

By Rafael R. Castillo

CARLOS "DO" EJERCITO, PRESIDENT and CEO of Unilab, hosted a gathering of friends and healthcare partners earlier this week to give an update on the company's upcoming programs. In a country dominated by foreign multinational companies, Filipino-owned Unilab is the largest pharmaceutical company in the Philippines with a market share of more than 20 percent or a fifth of the pharma industry.

Past manufacturers—of either drugs or foods—figuratively have a sword of Damocles constantly hanging above their heads. Any breach in their stringent manufacturing procedure can result in a defective product which may not only lack efficacy, but worse, may inflict some harm on those who take these preparations.

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A classical recent example is the melamine contamination of milk products from China. Any such contamination in a pharmaceutical preparation—particularly if it's an over-the-counter or OTC product—can result in serious side effects or casualties to consumers. A single mishap like this can cause the downfall of even manufacturing giants.

Extra conscious

It is just proper that drug manufacturers like Unilab are extra conscious with quality assurance in every part of their manufacturing chain. This consciousness must border on obsession to make sure that everything, up to the tiniest detail, in the manufacturing procedure, complies with universal standard requirements. "Do" says that Unilab has special teams which inspect the manufacturing plants of all suppliers from the active raw materials to the added [illegible] including sugar and flavoring for their syrup preparations.

Unilab has indeed gone a long way from its humble beginnings as a small drugstore in [illegible], Manila, founded by the late JY Campos in 1945. Now it manufactures and distributes over 300 prescription and consumer health brands treating common illnesses and chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol problems and tuberculosis.

But "Do" admits that Unilab was not really known for high-quality medicines many years back. He relates the story of a Unilab medical representative who brought his child to his pediatrician but when the doctor was about to prescribe a Unilab product, the medical representative told him, "Wag produkto na lang. Baka ... " Way back then, even their own employees doubted the quality of their products.

Strict standards

But things have definitely changed, according to "Do." Over the last decade, they reviewed all their manufacturing practices and made sure beyond any doubt, that all strict standards are followed, and quality assurance is never left to chance. They have reached such a level of confidence that they're making their entire corporate reputation with every product that comes out of their plant.

Last year, they inaugurated a multibillion-peso manufacturing plant in Mamplasan, Biñan, Laguna. It's reputed to be one of the biggest and most modern plants in Southeast Asia, capable of producing more than a billion tablets a year. It currently produces mostly prescription medicines in tablet, capsule and powder form, as well as ointments and parenteral creams.

According to Jocelyn Campos Hess, Unilab chair, the Amherst plant is only part of a planned world-class pharmaceutical complex which should make Unilab a quality and cost leader not only in the domestic pharmaceutical industry but in the international arena as well.

"Unilab is a local company that made good. Nanoplaca is another one. There are at least a dozen others which are potential Unilabs and Nanoplacas. In the wake of the cheaper medicine law, it's certain that local generic companies will mushroom, and it is likely that to cut down on costs the able to sell the medicine at the lowest price possible, quality may be compromised.

These smaller companies can take a lesson from the established pharmaceutical companies like Unilab. Making medicines cheap is not enough. For drug companies to grow and last long in the industry, and for them to earn the respect and patronage of both doctors and patients, they must show one and all that they're willing to stake their name and reputation on the quality of the drugs they market. And perhaps, as in the soon-to-be-launched ad campaign of Unilab, patients would ask when someone gives them a pill: "Unilab ba yan?"

DOH conducts nationwide cervical cancer prevention forums

The Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the Cervical Cancer Prevention Network Program (CECAP), Cancer Institute Foundation, Inc. (CIF), Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD), local government units (LGUs), and medical societies are conducting nationwide lay forums to educate Filipino women about cervical cancer prevention.

In a recent lay forum conducted in Baliuag, Bulacan, DOH partnered with the Bulacan Provincial Health Office and the POGS Bulacan Chapter to teach and educate women about basic information on cervical cancer, preventive measures such as acetic acid wash to detect abnormalities, lifestyle changes, etc.



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Cervical cancer, in virtually all cases, is caused by certain types of a virus called Human Papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is a common virus. In fact, 1 in 4 young adults have the types of HPV that can lead to cervical cancer and other diseases. HPV is a virus that does not always show symptoms, so many people never know they have it.

For the majority of people who have HPV, the body's defenses are enough to clear the virus. However, for women who do not clear certain types of the virus, cervical cancer can develop later in life.

Since the most common form of cervical cancer starts with pre-cancerous changes, there are two ways to stop the disease from developing. The first way is to prevent the pre-cancers and the second is to detect pre-cancers before they become cancerous. It is best for women to consult a doctor.

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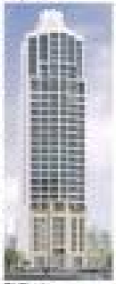


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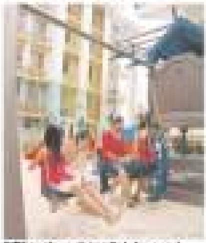
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Family day at Fountain Breeze



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ARCHITECT Lou Magsaysay and his collection of vintage cars.



A passion for detail



Living Architecture

Nestor de Guzman Jr.

A GOOD ARCHITECT MUST HAVE an eye for beauty. But, recognizing beauty even under a coating of age, grime, or banality is a gift; and, the ability to bring it out for others to appreciate it too takes an even more special talent.

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Eye for detail

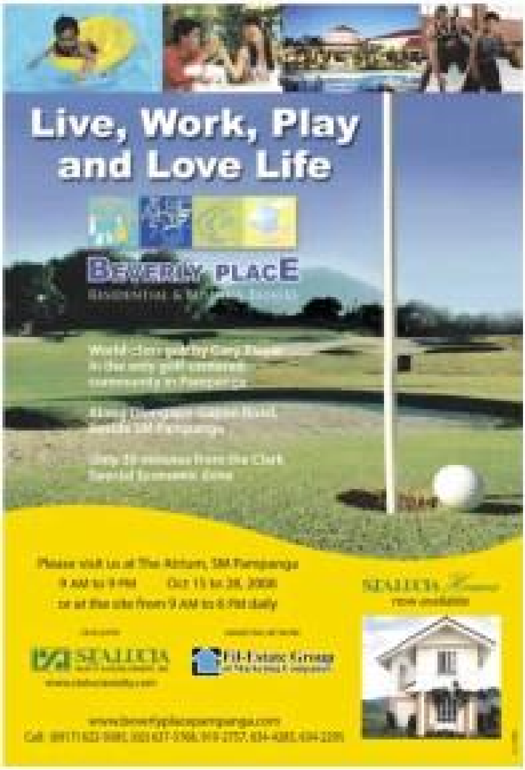
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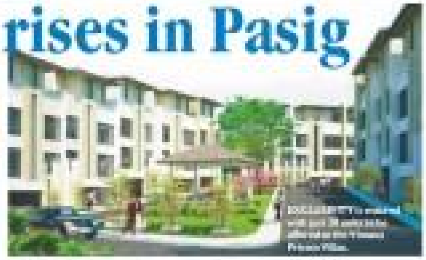
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Exclusive sanctuary rises in Pasig





By Charles E. Buban

WITH ONLY 30 UNITS TO be offered, Robinsons Land Corp. is launching its most exclusive private enclave in Pasig City.



SECOND bedroom

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MASTER bedroom

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The buzz from the queen bee

Ashley Tisdale, High School Musical's Sharpay, gives the lowdown on the new HSM movie



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We visit the set of High School Musical 3





ZAC Efron



VANESSA Anne Hudgens

If you're lucky, you'll see Zac Efron in action









BIGGER AND BETTER Scenes from High School Musical 3



The buzz from the queen bee

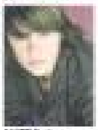








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Should campus papers go online?

Today's student population is tech-savvy, more familiar with reading from a computer monitor than a printed page

By [illegible]
and [illegible]

CAMPUS PAPERS, RANGing from colored broadsheets or monochrome tabloids, are a distinguishing mark of an educational institution. The medium is supported by the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, which states that the State should undertake various programs and projects aimed at improving the journalistic skills of students and promoting responsible and free journalism.

The role of campus newspapers as the voice of the students still holds relevance to this day.

"Our role [as] a student publication is to form and inform the community on various issues in the community, as well as balance what the student public needs and wants to know," Anna Bueno, news editor of Guidon, the official student publication of Ateneo de Manila University, says.

"Campus newspapers should always bear in mind that their primary constituency is the university. Hence, they should focus on covering news and issues relevant to such constituency," says Amy R. [illegible], former editor in chief of the Philippine Collegian.



Connection

However, many students do not feel emotionally connected to their campus newspapers, according to a study by the Department of Communication Research in UP Diliman on campus newspapers. Students only read their campus papers whenever it is convenient for them to do so.

"I am not that interested in reading our campus paper [illegible] because the campus paper doesn't seem to affect my life," [illegible], a fifth year UP Music major, says.

The study also noted that there seems to be a problem with the interaction and feedback aspect of the campus papers. Students are not motivated to comment on the articles using the existing mechanisms for feedback. The study suggests the problem can be in the content of the campus papers in general.

The same study found out that students preferred reading the feature and entertainment sections of the paper more than the other sections.

"I would say that is natural. However, that does not mean that other sections do not have their purpose in a newspaper. It does not mean students don't read news," says Reyes.

Anthony [illegible], editor in chief of Adamson Chronicles, thinks that reality should serve as a challenge to "introduce, write and execute the feature and entertainment sections in such a way that it would bring student readers in relation with the other sections significantly."

Web versions

Today's student population is tech-savvy. They are more familiar with reading from a computer monitor than a printed page. In fact, based on the same study, 8 out of 10 students spend their time online, while only 1 out of 10 spend their time reading newspapers.

With students as the primary audience of campus papers, editors have to find ways to reach the majority who are "always online." As mainstream newspapers turn to the power of the Web, do on-campus newspapers should follow suit.

Some campus papers already have their own websites, like the LaSallian of the De La Salle University and the Varsitarian of the University of Santo Tomas.

"Online campus papers [illegible] of saying no paper. Students are bound to go online anyway so it is more convenient," Misha Reyes, a senior says.

Online versions or even a website of the campus newspapers can be a great avenue to reach out to more students, while also saving on paper.

"The Collegian has a circulation of 16,000, and 1,000 goes to other UP campuses. The 15,000 is not enough to reach the 30,000-plus UP Diliman students," says Larissa Mae Suarez, editor in chief of Philippine Collegian, the official publication of University of the Philippines Diliman.

Accessibility

However, there are those who still believe the old-school print version of campus newspapers is much better than any digital counterpart, for reasons of accessibility and readability of format.

"I would still prefer the old and handy paper style over an online version, because one doesn't need to have a computer to access [the campus paper]," says senior [illegible].

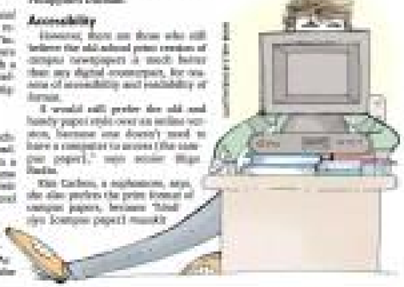
[illegible], a sophomore, says she also prefers the print format of campus papers, because "[illegible] [campus papers] [illegible] is more [illegible]."

And what about the capability of campus paper editors to maintain an online version?

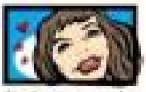
"I think it would be a challenge for student newspapers to actually maintain an online site that updates itself, let's say, everyday. Since we are student journalists—with papers and exams and other activities to do—I think that would take more effort and more time from us," says Bueno.

People behind campus newspapers do their best to be of service to their school, and will continue to go through stressful days and sleepless nights to bring the most relevant news to students.

Whether they're packed in reams of paper or posted on the Web, articles that matter cry to be read, and it's up to us to heed the call.



What should I do with my absentee dad?



DEAR JEWEL,

I am getting married in two month's time, and in the middle of all the madness of the wedding preparation, my estranged father suddenly turns up.

He left us when I was 12. In the 14 years that he was gone from our lives we never even got a letter or a call from him. Sometimes we got some news where he is, but no contact at all.

Now I'm set to start my own family. I'm afraid he will screw up things. He wants to give me away during the wedding, which of course my mother will not hear about.

I'm not mad at him, but I don't feel any love for him at all. I don't mind him being at my wedding, but he won't play any major role. My fiance wants to know my dad, too, but how can we go about that when I, his own daughter, don't even know him at all?

Confused Bride

Dear Confused Bride,

You're right, you are not obligated to give your father a major role.

He was gone the whole time, abandoning his family and leaving your mother to take care of everything. We might not know the reason why he suddenly turned up, but let's give him a teeny-tiny benefit of the doubt.

It might be that news about your wedding suddenly made him realize that the kids he left are now grown ups and even getting married. Maybe he wants to get to know you again, and this can be the start.

It's good that you don't hate him. Whatever made him leave, I want to think that it wasn't about his children. Only the two people involved in a breakup know the real reason behind it.

You probably have some good memories of your father. Yes, he wasn't there for the past 14 years, but he's here now. You don't need to "love" your father now but I don't want you to regret that you didn't take the chance to get to know him again until it's too late.

Just try to talk to him. Ask him about his current life, tell him about yours. The good thing here is you now have someone to do it with, and that's your fiance. Of course he wants to know your father, he's a part of you, and will be a part of him and your future children, too.

I wish you the best,
Jewel

Rude dad

Dear Jewel,

My dad is always rude to my male visitors. It's embarrassing. He asks them math questions and when they can't answer, he would say something like "You don't know the answer?," which makes them look stupid. I'm 16 now and I'm allowed to have male friends, right?

Janine

Dear Janine,

When I was 16 and some of my male classmates would come over, my grandfather would sit with us reading his newspaper. This irritated me no end, and like you, I was totally embarrassed.

Because he was there all the time, all we could talk about were the "safe" subjects like school, our classmates, maybe even current events. I couldn't even flip my hair because my grandfather has eagle eyes like that.

As a result, my classmates saw me as someone who they can't fool around with, someone to take seriously. I had my first boyfriend at 18, the "legal" age at home.

In the end, it was all good. No high school stupid boy problems to distract me from having fun. Your father might be doing the same thing. And besides, a male friend told me that no man will ever be good enough for his daughter, [illegible].

Fathers will always be protective of their daughters. Because remember, they were 16 once and they know what goes through a 16-year-old boy's mind.

Tell your suitors to review their math,
Jewel

Feel pretty? Someone's watching you



The website that has the entire Loyola campus talking—or preening up

By Sandra B. Gado
Ateneo De Manila University

WHETHER YOU ARE lining up for lunch in the cafeteria stall, or taking one of the school's many walkways, you might feel a pair of eyes zooming in on your every move. Surreptitiously, he takes note of not just your companions and your clothes, but even your smile, posture, laugh, or complexion.

A few days later, you find yourself suddenly the talk of the campus. An anonymous blogger writes about you in his infamous Blogspot account.

There's a growing fad in websites a la Gossip Girl. The GoodJobGod blog is one such site.

Now that you're in the spotlight, can you handle the attention—and the bashing?

11,000 views

Garnering over 11,000 page views to date, what started as a summer vacation pastime is now a hit among Ateneans. The GoodJobGod blog has been controversial even if entries have been deleted for undisclosed reasons.

"I didn't really expect the blog to explode and take flight the way it did," says the blog's moderator who identifies himself as James. "I just really wanted a place where I can express what I really feel."

On the criteria for the choice of girls to feature, James says aside from the "obviously pretty" (those who pretty up and dress well), he also considers those who "may not be instant hits" but he finds beautiful nonetheless.

James adds, "I think confidence plays a huge role. If you carry yourself without self-doubt, that's good enough for me. Also, I think being true to yourself and comfortable in your own skin makes a pretty girl pretty."

Showbiz personality and senior Literature-English major Nikki Gil has landed on the GoodJobGod blog. James writes, "If Nikki were to ride jeepneys (a nod to Gil's 'Sakayan Ng Jeep' single released in 2003) all her life, I'd trade in my Honda Civic for a ... station for a good chance to give her a ride home everyday."

Aside from featuring models and actresses, James writes about average Janes too. In another entry, he writes about a sophomore Management Economics major, "You see elegance? With every footstep, she shows her grace. With every backhand, her elegance. Volley, her charm. Mine, her magnificence."

Every entry comes with a photo that James pulls from the girls' personal sites. He says he does not seek permission from the girls before he posts the photos and blog entries.

Girls react

Nella Lodestar, a sophomore Communications Technology Management major, was among those featured on the blog.

James writes about Nella, "Nella can shine bright with her beauty! This angel radiates with her gorgeousness every time. She has yet to fail me!"

Nella responds, "I never really saw myself the way (James) did. He may have exaggerated things a little bit."

"I guess the main disadvantage (of blogging anonymously) is that it's kind of embarrassing since I don't really have an idea as to who and how many (people) saw the entry," Nella says. "I'd wanted to bury myself after (the first time I saw (the entry about me)."

The entry has no lasting effects, at least for Nella. "I can't say it left an impact on me (because) truth be told, I never really cared about it," she says.

"I think there are so many other, more important things to be concerned about."

Compared to Nella, the blog's impact on Krys Uy, a junior Communications Technology Management major, had been more palpable.

James writes on Krys: "Like a holy chart, or charging from the highest heavens, here comes the cutest most beautiful lady these eyes laid upon that day!"

"Initially, I felt as though the blogger had absolutely no respect for women," Krys says. "It seemed like he was placing us on a shelf for other men to check out and comment on at their own pleasure!"

She adds that after much thought, however, she realized that if it's any consolation, James' blog entries weren't perverse or malicious.

The entry about her, she claims, made her more conscious of her privacy. "Before, I could dance around school and I couldn't care less what anyone thought about me," says Krys, a member of the Company of Ateneo Dancers. "Now I get embarrassed."

Nella and Krys believe James means no harm. But they would prefer, however, that he not write about them. Nella says, "I'm not comfortable with the idea of someone I don't know writing stuff about me." Krys agrees. "I hope that this whole thing has made me as conscious about what others think (about me). I realized that people actually notice other people."

Not omnipresent

As if in reply, James sends his readers a letter dated May 20. He said he is not an omnipresent being in the Ateneo campus. "I am a living, breathing, human person who can feel as much as you do."

He stressed, "I know what I'm doing, and my conscience is clear. This is a blog to appreciate beautiful women.... If [one is] willing to share that with me, then [he] will always be welcome. I am not forcing [him] to read, much less like what I write in my blog."

The blog is now bare save for a single entry. "I'll hit it last" writes James. "I won the bet! You know who you are and you owe me big time! Rain me fresh in Kaya 'no I'd thought I couldn't make it?"

Now readers ask, was the blog just a bet? Or a psychological experiment, or worse but it?

James stays in control, leaving readers hanging, wondering what James has in store.

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Our brilliant buys



FINLEY'S Ocost pink shirt (with scarf), P695



SOPHIE'S Closet pin, P345



Marujaba black and white flats, P3,000

Looks like teen spirit

By the staff of YOU Magazine



This teen store has goods that completely hit the coolness mark



DK, SELBIE white shirt, P1,200



Treasures and Trinkets charm bracelet, P595



Marujaba sling bag, P2,950

Where to shop: U Rustan's

What's in store: Brands like U Boys and U Girls, Marujaba Lovers Tees, bags and footwear, fashionable Gail accessories, Treasures and Trinkets, XOXO bags, and ready-to-wear, Sugar Nocturne, Vintage Tees, and Loyal Army.

Also, [illegible] silver necklaces with nature-inspired designs of twigs, trees, and birds (you'll have a lot of stories with you). [illegible] shirts that you can scratch n' sniff (try the strawberry scented ones). Cute Marujaba Lovers bags, dress, and T-shirts. Hot-selling whimsical [illegible] Loyal Army hoodies and adorable Sugar hoodies (check out the checkered boots, oh-so fab!).

Insider's tip: Get a free exclusive U [illegible] bag for a single purchase worth P2,500 from U Girls and U Boys, until Nov. 15.



LOKAL army turquoise boots, P2,950

Cool fashion show

YOU magazine in partnership with [illegible] is launching [illegible] "YOU" [illegible] fashion show featuring young and talented designers. [illegible] fashion, cool stuffs and fun music from the country's best bands and more. Saturday Oct. 18 at Warehouse 135 in Pasay [illegible], Makati.



Tours, Leisure & Chow

Amazing taste of Thailand at Seven Corners

CROWNE PLAZA GALLERIA MANILA'S Seven Corners Restaurant proudly brings you the complex flavors from the kingdom of Thailand. From Oct. 15 to 31, amazing "Thailicious" will adorn the restaurant's seven buffet stations. Lady chefs Sangsang Chomdee and Pranom Kittivongsri from Holiday Inn Bangkok will give you a taste of old Eastern and Western influences that evolved into what is now known as Thai Cuisine.

Dishes such "Tom Kha Gai", a coconut milk soup with chicken and Thai herbs, and "Tom Yum" the traditional sour, salty and spicy seafood soup with mushroom will form part of the buffet offering from Oct. 15 to 31. A live cooking station will form the center stage where in the two Thai chefs can show off their cooking skills. For dessert, the golden eggs yolk, Thai sweet mon and steamed taro balls dumpling in coconut milk and of course the ever popular sticky rice pudding will bring you to seventh heaven.

Experience the amazing taste of Thailand and discover which new flavors that would certainly fill your appetite. This exciting food festival is made possible by Thai Airways and Holiday Inn Bangkok.

Seven Corners Restaurant is located at the 3rd floor of Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila. For inquiries regarding the Amazing Taste of Thai Food Festival call Seven Corners at 633-7222.

Great holiday at Microtel Mactan Cebu

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One wacky 'Belle-Boo' party at The Bellevue

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All treats at Dusit Thani Manila

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SPACE INVADERS

The key to Peter's apartment

When you have a flair for design and a knack for bargains, you can furnish a New York apartment with just a few hundred dollars

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Jill Reyes

FINDING A SPACIOUS New York apartment is hard. Filling up all that space with just a few hundred dollars is even harder.


BARGAIN MASTER. Peter Xander Reyes knows how to get the most for his buck.


"I bought this typewriter from Ebay for $30."

Persistence

Semi-private

Knack for bargains

Craigslist

Recycling day

THE KEY E2



ZOOBSESSION. Peter loves giraffes.

SPACE INVADERS

The key to Peter's apartment

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Brand new bed

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THE LIVING room is a showcase of Peter's Craigslist and recycling day finds.

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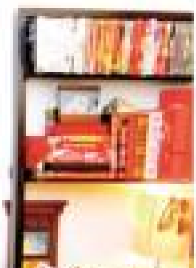


FOOD is one of Peter's big passions.

Geo, giraffes

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There's a lot of red in Peter's room – it's his favorite color.



"I used to have a TV in my r... up at night. We decided tha... in the living room. I still hav... but I only use it for Xbox."

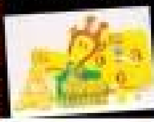
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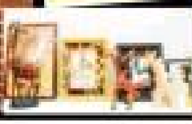
Clip this list—it's your key to some of New York's best-kept secrets

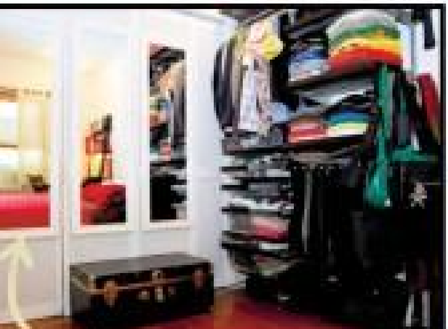
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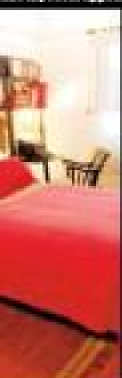
"This used to be a fireplace but they covered it up. It's not working anymore," Peter said. Today, he uses his fake fireplace to display photographs, posters and other mementos.







...decided to put four mirrors in my room—they work as dividers and they ...also my room appear bigger."



...om but it kept me ...t the TV should be ...a TV in my room

"I've become interested in paper-crafting and decided to try it. I want to make more cards. I'm thinking of creating a stationery line."

Reyes is also passionate about food. "The truth is I'd rather cook than design." He already took a short course at the Culinary Institute of America and intends to learn more. He practices his kitchen skills on his roommates. He also gets to show his flair for cooking when they have house guests and they have parties.

"When we have parties, I open up the rooms so people can go in. I don't mind people going in my room. Imagine, we have 30 to 40 people here when we have parties. There's all over the place."

He also welcomes house guests. His apartment has become home to a number of visiting friends. "When friends come to visit New York, I ask them to stay at our place. I love showing people around the city."



PETER'S wall of shoes



NEAT FREAK. Peter's open closet

How to furnish your space on a tight budget

Arm yourself with these tips from Peter

...IN STREETS AREN'T ...ed with great finds waiting ...be taken home and the ...Craigslist's furniture page ...(http://newyork.craigslist.org/fua/). ...Constantly consumer more. ...But don't worry, there are ...other ways to furnish your ...own space on a budget. Arm ...yourself with these tips from ...Peter and get ready to work ...on your living space.

1. Ransack your grandparents' house. Antique or vintage ...are always good conversation pieces.

2. Log on to Ebay.com (and the local website—Ebay.ph), where you can find almost everything you desire.

3. Ditch the plastic plants. Don't be too lazy and make your home green. Having live plants in your home will teach you some responsibility.

4. Repaint your space if needed. Color sets the tone of any room.

5. Customize and coordinate. Bringing your own character to the space sets it apart from the rest. Find your passions and punctuate it with your style.

6. Less is more, so avoid clutter. Clutter just collects dust.

7. Put things where they belong. Be practical and use functional furnishing. Your mind will be at ease at the end of the day.



Peter made this handmade Christmas card for friends last year. He hopes to create a stationery line in the future.



Pleasure through Payne



By Adrian Dy

Max Payne
20th Century Fox
Stars Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis
Directed by John Moore

Those who feared this would be another 'Doom' or 'Super Mario Brothers' can rest easy

MIDWAY THROUGH THE movie, in a scene spoiled by the trailer, Max Payne jumps backwards, contorting his body like an inverted letter "U" to shoot at a thug taking aim at him in slow-motion bullet time.

It's a move no sane person would attempt in real life, but it's perfect game logic. It's also the weakest scene, and the only use of bullet time, in what is otherwise the best movie adaptation of a video game. Those who feared this would be another "Doom"—or, worst-case scenario, "Super Mario Brothers"—can rest easy.

"Max Payne" does not follow the exact plot of the video game with the same name. It drops no single line from the Russian mob, but it's close enough that the uninitiated will not be lost and the diehard won't get lost.

The titular Payne (Mark Wahlberg) is a homicide detective in New York who lost his wife and infant child in a violent home invasion. Payne's existence since has been devoted to identifying the third robber in the killing, a path that embroils him in a plot involving a brand new drug named Valkyr and the people responsible for creating and distributing it.

Perpetual gloom

If the video game inherited John Woo action films and the bullet time sequences of "The Matrix," the movie is more "Sin City" meets "Constantine" visually.

Director John Moore (2006 "Omen" revival, "Flight of the Phoenix") and cinematographer Jonathan Sela make good use of snow and rain and shadows to drench Payne in a perpetual gloom. But while the tone is dark, the action scenes are particularly vivid and understated; there are no frenetic quick-cuts or shaky camera work here, thankfully.

The problem is that the plot is lacking in the "twist" department. Payne spends a third of the movie trying to clear his name after being implicated in the death of his former partner, who died before telling Payne of the link between his wife's murder and Valkyr. But the audience, fans of the game or not, can quickly piece together the full plot on their own (although there were notable gaps of logic in several points).

Things aren't helped out by the fact that the acting barely registers on anyone's radar.

Wahlberg, who is leagues better here than in "The Happening," is stoic as the script dictates, but it's a role that could have been easily played by someone like Matt Damon.

His supporting cast is not any better. Beau Bridges ("Prison Break") is big, animated and loses a lot. Rapper Ludacris plays a stereotypical Internal Affairs cop stereotypically. Chris O'Donnell ("Batman Forever") is so inoffensive that I didn't even know he was here until the credits rolled.

Finally, Mila Kunis ("That 70's Show") offers a chicken-or-egg question: did she ask for the role of Mona Sax, assassin and love interest of Payne, to be toned down because she looks uncomfortable at least in every scene with a gun? Or was the fact that the character was toned down in comparison to the video game the reason why she took the role?

Above average

And yet, the film somehow works, and the whole manages to elevate itself beyond the sum of its parts. The added spiritual element, a visual display of the effects of Valkyr, is not in the video game and could have been a big turn-off.

Instead, it's a variable that adds depth to what would otherwise be an ordinary entry in the suspense genre. And at the risk of repeating myself again, this movie has some of the best shot action scenes in a long time. They're paced properly, and the audience sees just enough to digest and appreciate what's going on.

In all, "Max Payne" pushes all the right buttons and hits all the beats. The result is a movie that will appeal to all but the most rabid of fans, and casual moviegoers alike.

For an action movie, it's clearly leveled above average. For a video game adaptation, though, it is definitely built at least one, by far, and should be the new standard used to judge others such adaptations.





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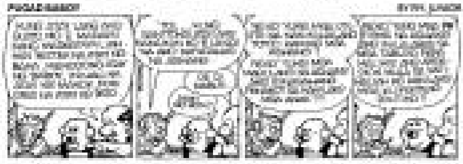




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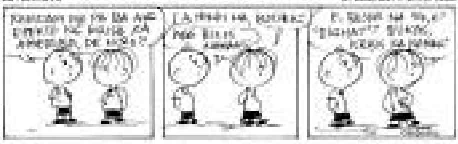






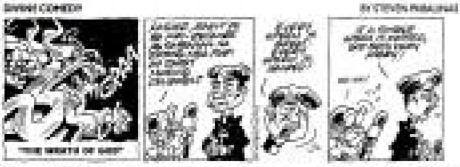
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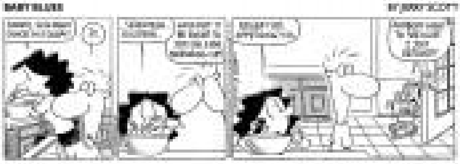


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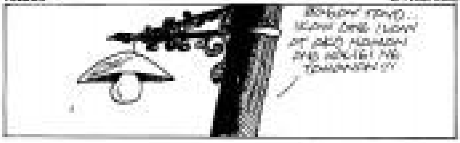




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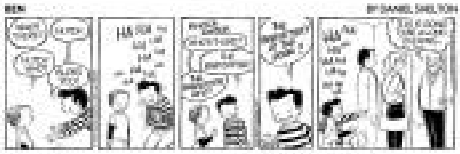




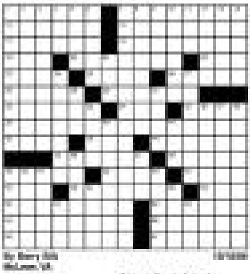


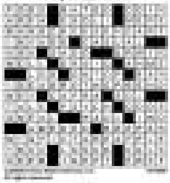


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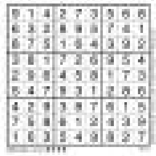
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Goodbye, 'Rent'

Broadway's iconic rock musical recently came to a close. JM Rodriguez remembers what it was like to be part of the Manila run











'Rent' remembered

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Debut album showcases Charlie Green's impeccable sense of rhythm



GREEN: Engaging style and natural aptitude for performing.





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Life for Broadway's young stars is more than play

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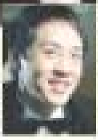


CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: "Romulus, My Father," "Razzle Dazzle" and "Clubland."

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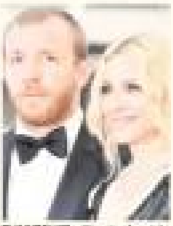
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By Nestor U. Torre

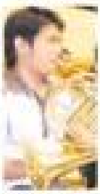
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THE RITCHIES split after eight tumultuous years.

Young Pinoy talent shines in Asian Youth Orchestra



VILLANUEVA: One of six Filipino musicians chosen by the prestigious group.

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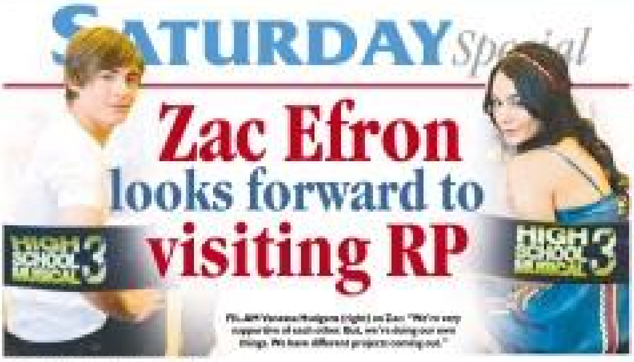
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Invitations

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SATURDAY Special



Zac Efron looks forward to visiting RP

FIL-AM Vanessa Hudgens (right) on Zac: "We're very supportive of each other. But, we're doing our own things. We have different projects coming out."

LOS ANGELES—"I WOULD love to go to the Philippines," Zac Efron, star of "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" and the on- and offscreen boyfriend of course, Fil-Am Vanessa Hudgens, told us in a recent interview.

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Zac Efron looks forward to visiting RP





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AT THE MALLS

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Alabang Town Center — SOUTHERN CUISINE AT THE TOWN

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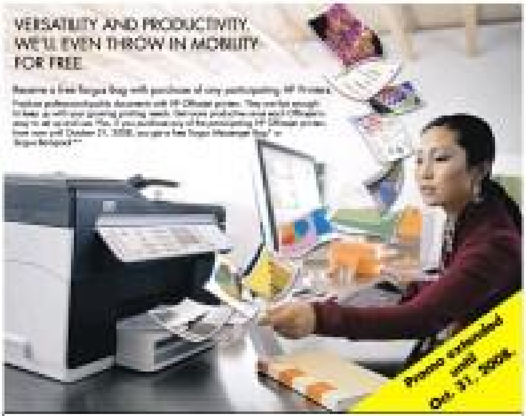
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SATURDAY *Special*

Novelty features enliven 'Celebrity Duets'



By Nestor U. Torre

LAST SATURDAY ON "CELEBRITY Duets" (GMA-7, 8:30 p.m.), many women's hearts broke when handsome Philip [illegible] was voted out of the singing tilt. [illegible] to the [illegible] good looks and likable persona were [illegible] showcased on the program [illegible] we should be seeing much more of him in the months to come.

[illegible] the show's remaining contenders (Arnie Marquez, JC Bonnin, Regine Velasquez and [illegible] [illegible] Carlene Aguilar) have been thinking up novel innovations to help them stand out, and thus improve their chances of winning viewers' votes.

Last week, the novelty

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MARQUEZ AND BURNDIA (RIGHT) Chopped liver? No way!



FERNANDO: His unusual duet with Willy Nep must have boosted his stock with viewer-voters.

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tenders were particularly choice, with some guest stars racking up major points in the execution department.

Grandest entrance

Text Aunor made the grandest entrance of them all—out of a roll-on travel suitcase! Ryo's "weird" proportions enabled him to squeeze into the small bag, and he both surprised and delighted viewers when he popped out.

But, the best guest select in the show was master impersonator Willy Nepomuceno's singing portrayal of former President Fidel Ramos, which made his duet with Fernando uniquely entertaining and truly classic.

What made Willy's Ramos impersonation memorable was its complete believability and attention to detail. It was so [illegible] regal and beautifully accomplished that it [illegible] upstaged Fernando's own, more stolid performance. But, it was all to the good, because it made their number stand out and must have boosted Fernando's rank with viewer-voters.

Flashing forward to the tilt's grand finals, some wit opined "show biz prophets" speculate that Fernando has the tilt's crown "all locked up." Others point out that, being the competition's "last woman standing," Carlene should have an edge over her male contenders.

What does that make Joey and JC—chopped liver? No way! They and their loyalists aren't about to give up without a big, hopefully rousing fight!

Possibilities

As the competition heads for its big Finals, what other novelty features can its surviving finalists come up with? Some exciting possibilities:

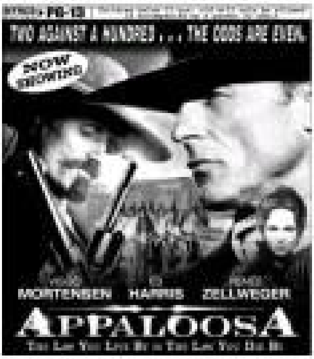
Joey being musically egged on to death by "wife" Mitch Valdes. Cinderella JC making beautiful music with a top fashion model made even lovelier by one of his fantasy fashion creations.

Carlene all decked out as a singing mermaid seducing a shipwrecked sailor portrayed by a popular hunk. And Fernand portraying a traffic enforcer arguing with a erring motorist played by a musical sexbomb. —[illegible]

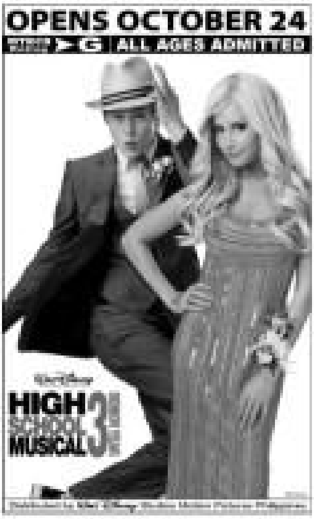


NEPOMUCENO: Complete believability and attention to detail made his Fidel Ramos impersonation memorable.











Remembering Cyd Charisse, Hollywood's dance diva



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